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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - U.S. DELEGATION TO CHIANG KAI

(S/S NO.7506810)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LORD AND HABIB

1. YOU WILL BE RECEIVING SEPARATELY DRAFT CONDOLENCE CABLES TO THE CHINESE ON THE DEATH OF CHIANG KAI SHEK. WE ALSO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY OF SENDING A DELEGATION TO THE FUNERAL. ORIGINAL CONTINGENCY PLANS, APPROVED BY YOU LAST YEAR, WERE AS FOLLOWS:

EITHER THE VICE PRESIDENT OR THE SPEAKER WOULD LEAD A DELEGATION OF FIVE OR SIX. THE DELEGATION WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND FOUR OTHERS; TWO FROM GOVERNMENT AND TWO FROM AMONG PRIVATE OR RETIRED MEN WITH LONG ASSOCIATION WITH CHINA.

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- 2. THE GOVERNMENT LIST INCLUDES THE SPEAKER, THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE, SENATOR GOLDWATER, SENATOR HUMPHREY, SENATOR LONG, SENATOR ROBERT BYRD, CONGRESSMAN O'NEILL, CONGRESSMAN RHODES, CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT, CONGRESSMAN
- 3. THE PRIVATE OR RETIRED LIST WOULD INCLUDE: GOVERNOR REAGAN, EX-TREASURY SECRETARY ROBERT ANDERSON, EUGENE BLACK, JOHN S.D. EISENHOWER, GENERAL ALBERT L. WEDEMEYER, AMBASSADOR ROBERT D. MURPHY, AMBASSADOR KARL L. RANKIN, AMBASSADOR EVERETT F. DRUMRIGHT, AMBASSADOR U. ALEXIS JOHNSON, AMBASSADOR WALTER P. MCCONAUGHY. (OF THIS LIST WE ESPECIALLY RECOMMEND MCCONAUGHY.)
- 4. GIVEN SPEAKER ALBERTS CURRENT PRESENCE IN CHINA, WE THINK IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM (OR CONGRESSMAN RHODES) TO GO. WE BELIEVE THAT THE VICEPRESIDENT SHOULD HEAD THE DELEGATION. FOR AN OLD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES AND A GREAT HISTORICAL FIGURE, THIS WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE ESPECIALLY SINCE THE VICE PRESIDENT RECENTLY PERFORMED A SIMILAR MISSION IN SAUDI ARABIA. IN OUR VIEW OF THE CHINESE PERCEPTION, EVEN PRC LEADERS WOULD APPRECIATE THAT SENDING THE VICE PRESIDENT IS APPROPRIATE. CHIANG KAI SHEK WAS THEIR ENEMY BUT THEY ALSO RESPECTED HIM.
- 5. RECOMMENDATION.

THAT YOU SEEK THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS AND HAVE HIM DESIGNATE THE UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE AND ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION TO THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

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